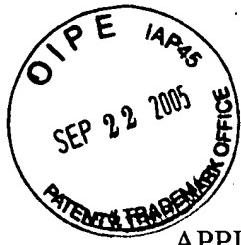


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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of July 1, 2005, the period for response expiring October 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: